

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the members of the Missouri Senate always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, Christine Power of Saint Louis, Missouri, will attain the long-awaited status of Missouri Centenarian on January 5, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Christine Power will observe her One Hundredth Birthday with a gathering of family members at a private celebration on January 8, 2005, and at a public celebration in the Parish Hall of Holy Family Catholic Church where she is an active member who attends monthly prayer meetings and participates in the Vintage Journeys program; and

WHEREAS, Christine Power was born on January 5, 1905, into the family of Otto and Lydia Ulrich who went on to have a total of ten children, including Carl, Christine, Marie, William, Gertrude, Frederick, Dorothy, George, Adolph, and Clarence; and

WHEREAS, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, the former Christine Ulrich established a family of her own through her joyful marriage to William Austin Power who loved and cherished her with all of his heart for fifty-seven years until his death in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the marital union of Christine and William Power was blessed with eight wonderful children, Donn, Neal, Marianne, Cathleen, Joseph, Colin, Patricia, and Brian; fourteen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren ; and

WHEREAS, after attending Cleveland High School, Christine Power studied at hairdressing school before opening her own shop, getting up at 5:00 a.m. to play tennis, working a full day, and then helping with the family at night; and

WHEREAS, Christine Power sewed clothes for the family, taught ceramics at Grand Oak Hill Senior Center and Soulard Senior Center, and moved into a house which was first occupied by her family in 1939; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri Senate pauses to commemorate momentous events in the lives of such stellar citizens as Christine Power:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the One Hundredth Birthday of Christine Power and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Christine Power of Saint Louis, Missouri.